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PREFACE

Saskatchewan has a wealth of lakes, streams, and reservoirs where rest and recreation are possible by just 'going fishing'. Thousands of waters are quite inaccessible in our vast northland, but there remain hundreds of fishing spots accessible to the public.

To help meet the needs of those who fish in Saskatchewan's lakes and streams, about 450 angling waters are test netted on a five year rotating basis, by the Fisheries Branch, Department of Parks and Renewable Resources. Test netting is carried out to evaluate the stocking program, to check on possible winterkills and on continued reports of poor angling success, and to provide up-to-date information on fish populations and on the need for future fisheries management. These studies concentrate on smaller readily accessible water areas that are generally subject to heavy angling pressure. This catalogue is an alphabetical grouping of the waters examined in 1985.

Highlights of the 1985 summer work program are summarized below. Details on specific waterbodies can be obtained by referring to the catalogue.

- 113 waterbodies were examined.
- 10 waterbodies experienced complete winterkills -- Oyama, Wynyard, Moosomin and Scott Reservoirs, and Von Mehren, Grid, Potts, Clair, Eagle and Twin Lakes; Twin Lake was restocked in 1985.
- Three other waterbodies experienced severe but partial winterkills -- Round Lake (near Prince Albert), Blue Heron Lake and Melfort P.F.R.A. Reservoir.
- Good rainbow trout populations were found in Dog, Cleland, Nesland, and Kit Lakes and good brook trout populations in Lussier, Sedge and Sand Lakes, and in De la Ronde, Broad and Miners Creek; Miners Creek is a new trout water.
- Good walleye populations were found in Duncairn Reservoir and in Helene, Lucky, Fife, Lovering, Nesslin, and Lower Fishing Lakes. Lower Fishing Lake also had a good population of northern pike.

The "Where to Fish" booklet, intended to help anglers locate fishing opportunities in central and southern Saskatchewan, is available. Over 530 water areas, including those reported in "Fish Facts", are shown on maps and listed with their fish species. The 80-page, all-coloured publication, complete with descriptions and pictures of gamefish species, sells for $3.00; it can be purchased from Departmental offices throughout the province, or from The Cashier, Saskatchewan Parks and Renewable Resources, 3211 Albert Street, Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 5W6.

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July 18 — AVONLEA P.F.R.A. RESERVOIR (13-12-23-W2. S.E. of Avonlea): Avonlea Reservoir is stocked every second year with 250,000 walleye. Fish were collected for mercury analysis and a general fish population study conducted. Netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 27 fish netted weighing 0.1-1.5 kg, indicating a moderate population. Other fish netted were 66 common white suckers.

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June 5 — BALDY LAKE (16,21-59-18-W2. Nipawin Provincial Park): Baldy Lake was eradicated with a fish toxicant in September, 1984. Netting after the application indicated a complete kill was accomplished. Test nets were set this spring for a further evaluation of the rehabilitation. No fish were captured in the test nets. Splake trout are scheduled for stocking this year.

July 19 — BARRIER LAKE (41-12,13,14-W2. S.E. of Tisdale): Barrier Lake is stocked with 300,000 walleye every second year. A fish population study was conducted to update our 1980 records. Findings were as follows: WALLEYE - 18 netted weighing 160 g-1.3 kg, indicating a fair population. NORTHERN PIKE - 7 netted weighing 450 g-3.0 kg, indicating a fair population. PERCH - 19 netted with only 4 of angling size up to 130 g, indicating a poor population. Also captured were 48 common suckers. Heavy angling activity with fair success for pike reported; poor for walleye. Another assessment of the fish population is recommended since some of the nets were tampered with.

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July 24 — BEAR CREEK TRIBUTARY (19-9-23-W3. South of Piapot): Test netting was conducted to check for predator fish prior to stocking trout. No fish were netted indicating no predators are present. A winter oxygen test is still required to determine suitability for stocking trout.

September 6 — BESANT CREEK (17-29-W2. Trans-Canada Campground): Besant Creek is stocked with 1500 brook trout each year. Test netting was conducted at the old Hwy #1 bridge crossing and the railway crossing with the following results: BROOK TROUT - 2 netted weighing 0.2-0.3 kg, indicating a poor population.

June 4 — BIG BEAR LAKE (34-57-25-W3. Near Worthington Lake, Bronson Forest): A winter oxygen test in 1984 indicated this lake had fisheries potential. Follow-up test netting indicated a poor pike population present in the lake. Extensive gill netting was conducted during the fall (1984) to remove the pike population so that a suitable trout species could be stocked. The present examination was conducted to determine the effectiveness of the pike removal program. Test nets captured the following: NORTHERN PIKE - 3 weighing 2.2-3.8 kg, indicating a poor population.

August 27 — BLACKER LAKE (24,25-8-26-W3. Near Cypress Hills Provincial Park): A population study was conducted on Blacker Lake to determine the success of the 1982 perch stocking and check for natural reproduction. Test netting results were as follows: PERCH - 5 netted weighing 40-150 g, indicating a poor population. Other fish taken were 110 suckers.

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May 28 — BLUE HERON (FISH) LAKE (11,15-52-4-W3. East of Debden): Blue Heron Lake was test netted to determine extent of the reported winterkill. Nets captured 18 northern pike weighing from 325-675 g and 4 perch weighing 30-120 g, indicating a partial winterkill of these species. No walleye were captured indicating a complete winterkill of this species occurred.

August 16 — BOUNDARY RESERVOIR (1-8-W2. South of Estevan): A population study was carried out to update 1982 records with the following results: WALLEYE - 17 netted weighing 0.3-4.0 kg, indicating a moderate population; YELLOW PERCH - 17 fish of angling size netted weighing 0.1 kg, indicating a fair population. NORTHERN PIKE - no pike were captured. Other fish netted were 11 common white suckers and 2 brown bullheads. There were no largemouth bass caught in the nets. However 8 bass fingerlings were seined along the shoreline.

August 29 — BROAD CREEK (13-67-16-W3. S.W. of Beauval): Broad Creek is currently stocked with 2000 brook trout every two years with the most recent plant in 1984. A fish population study was conducted to update 1981 records. Three locations on the creek were test netted capturing the following: BROOK TROUT - Highway 904 Crossing - 31 captured weighing 70-300 g, indicating a good population; Sawmill Road Crossing - 8 captured weighing 50-400 g, indicating a moderate population; Lucky Lake Road - 17 captured weighing 100-300 g, indicating a good population. 33 suckers were caught in addition to the above. Light angling activity reported so far this year.

June 18 — BROTHER LAKE (NORTH) (26,27-62-8-W3. North of Clarke Lake): Brother Lake was test netted to determine its fisheries potential. Nets captured 14 northern pike weighing from 100 g-1.8 kg, indicating a moderate population is present. Angling activity is limited.

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July 19 — CABRI RESERVOIR (21-19-18-W3. Near Cabri): A population study was conducted on Cabri Reservoir to update 1980 records. Recent stockings were 50,000 walleye in 1985, 125 perch and 50,000 walleye in 1983, and 50,000 walleye in 1981. Test netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 4 netted weighing 450 g-650 g, indicating a fair population. No perch were taken so the stocking in 1983 appears unsuccessful.

August 22 — CALF CREEK (5,6-8-22-W3. Tributary to Conglomerate Creek. North of Eastend): A population study was conducted on Calf Creek to update 1981 records, with attention to natural reproduction. Test netting results were as follows: BROOK TROUT - 32 netted weighing 30-375 g, indicating an excellent population. No brown trout were captured. Other fish taken were 20 suckers. Approximately half the pools found in previous years are now missing, resulting in less habitat and smaller trout populations overall.

September 10 — CAMP 10 LAKE (10,11-61-27-W2. On Elaine Lake Road, South of Weyakwin): Camp 10 Lake is stocked annually with rainbow trout. A fish population study was conducted to update 1981 records. Standard test nets caught 7 rainbow trout weighing 100 g-1.5 kg, indicating a fair population. Angling success reported as poor to fair.

July 26 — CANOE LAKE (71,72-15-W3. West of Beauval): A fish population study was conducted to update previous records and determine present walleye population status. Test nets captured the following: WALLEYE - 277 netted weighing 50 g-2 kg, indicating a good population; NORTHERN PIKE - 88 netted weighing 0.1-2.6 kg, indicating a moderate population; PERCH - 56 netted weighing up to 300 g, indicating a poor population of angling sized perch; WHITEFISH - 2 netted indicating a sparse population. Other fish taken were 35 common suckers and 118 cisco. Angling activity down considerably from previous years with poor walleye and good pike catches reported.

July 30 — CHRIS JOHNSON LAKE (30,31-33-1-W2. S.W. of Norquay): A fish population study was conducted on Chris Johnson Lake to update 1980 records. Nets captured 7 pike weighing 725-1100 g, indicating a fair population. Light to moderate angling activity with fair success.

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August 29 — CLAIR LAKE (10-35-15-W2. South of Clair): Clair Lake was stocked with 2000 yellow perch and 688 northern pike in 1982, and 2100 yellow perch in 1983. The lake was test netted to determine stocking success. No fish were captured in the nets indicating that a winterkill had most likely occurred. A winter oxygen test will be conducted in 1985-86.

August 15 — CLAPSON'S LAKE (Local Name) (S.E. 32-77-15-W3. S.E. of Buffalo Narrows): This small lake was initially stocked with rainbow trout in 1982 to assess its fish farming potential. Further examination in 1983 revealed that trout had overwintered. Test netting was conducted to determine if any trout had survived from the initial planting. Test nets captured no fish indicating no survival of stocked fish.

September 13 — CLELAND RESERVOIR (33-31-15-W3. North of Rosetown): Cleland Reservoir is stocked annually with 5000 rainbow trout. A population study was conducted to update 1981 records. Standard test nets captured 74 rainbow trout weighing 120-500 g, indicating excellent stocking success from the 1985 plant. No larger trout were caught indicating a complete loss of the previous years' stock due to winterkill and/or overflow from the reservoir. Some angling success is now being reported for this year's trout.

June 25 — CONSTANCE LAKE (28,29-48-7-W3. South of Emerald Lake): A fish population study was conducted on Constance Lake to update 1980 records. This lake is stocked with lake trout and kokanee salmon. Test netting results were as follows: LAKE TROUT - 13 netted weighing 2.2-4.4 kg, indicating a moderate population. KOKANEE - 15 netted weighing 40-60 g. All the kokanee netted were from the 1984 plant. Angling activity was reported to be moderate.

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July 31 — CRYSTAL LAKE (19-33-3-W2. North of Canora): A fish population study was conducted on Crystal Lake to update 1980 records. Findings were as follows: WALLEYE - 17 netted weighing 120 g-2.5 kg, indicating a moderate population. NORTHERN PIKE - 2 netted weighing 1.0-1.8 kg, indicating a poor population. PERCH - 24 netted, 1/4 were of angling size (60-100 g), indicating a fair population. Four common suckers were also taken in test nets. Moderate angling activity with fair success reported.

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June 14 — DEEP LAKE (17,18,19,20-54-8-W3. S.W. of Big River): A fish population study was conducted on Deep Lake to update 1979 records. Findings were as follows: NORTHERN PIKE - 23 netted weighing 130 g-3.4 kg, indicating a good population is present. Also captured in the nets were 16 whitefish, 7 cisco and 6 common suckers. Moderate angling activity with fair to good success reported.

August 28 — DE LA RONDE CREEK (15-65-18-W3. Meadow Lake Provincial Park): De la Ronde Creek is presently stocked with 1000 brook trout fingerlings every two years with the most recent planting in 1984. A fish population study was conducted to update 1981 records and to check for natural reproduction. Test nets captured 21 brook trout weighing 150 g-0.5 kg, indicating a good population. Light angling activity reported so far this year.

September 10 — DOG LAKE (28-63-1-W3. On Rock Lake Road, West of Weyakwin): Dog Lake was stocked with rainbow trout in 1984 and 1985. A fish population study was conducted to determine stocking success. Standard test nets caught 63 rainbow trout weighing 100 g-1.8 kg, indicating a good trout population. Angling success in the spring was good and in the summer it was fair.

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September 6 — DOWNIE LAKE (1,12-10-28-W3. S.W. of Maple Creek): Test netting was conducted on Downie Lake to determine existing fish populations and possibilities for future management. Test netting results were as follows: PERCH - 28 netted weighing 110-625 g, indicating a moderate population. Other fish caught were 107 suckers.

June 19 — DUNCAIRN RESERVOIR (12,13-15,16-W3. S.W. of Swift Current): A population study was conducted on Duncairn Reservoir to update 1980 records. Populations are currently maintained by natural reproduction, with the latest stocking being 750,000 walleye fry in 1974. Test netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 69 netted weighing 75 g-3.3 kg, indicating a good population; NORTHERN PIKE - 21 netted weighing 575 g-7.5 kg, indicating a moderate population. PERCH - 196 netted weighing 25-575 g, indicating a good population. Other fish taken were 32 common suckers and 6 redhorse suckers. Angling success is reported to have been poor the last three years.

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July 17 — EAGLE LAKE (25,26-42-19-W2. S.W. of Melfort): Eagle Lake was stocked with 100,000 walleye fry in 1983; 300,000 in 1984. Test nets were set to determine stocking success. No fish were captured in the nets. It would appear that a winterkill occurred.

June 5 — EASTEND RESERVOIR (26-6-22-W3. West of Eastend): Test netting was conducted to update 1981 records. Recent stockings were 50,000 walleye fry in 1982. Test netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 0 netted indicating a sparse population; PIKE - 8 netted weighing 130-580 g, indicating a moderate population; PERCH - 1 netted weighing 550 g, indicating a sparse population. Other fish taken were 82 common suckers. Sport fishing was reported as slow.

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August 21 — EAST TROUT LAKE (62-21,22-W2. North of Candle Lake): A general fish population study was conducted on East Trout Lake. Test netting results were as follows: LAKE TROUT - 4 netted weighing 0.5-2.5 kg, indicating a poor to fair population. WALLEYE - 13 netted weighing 200 g-2.2 kg indicating a fair population. NORTHERN PIKE - 5 netted weighing 140 g-1.9 kg, indicating a fair population of pike. PERCH - only one small perch was netted indicating a sparse population. Also captured in the nets were 25 whitefish, 56 cisco, 24 burbot, 56 common suckers and 2 longnose suckers. Moderate angling activity with poor to fair success reported. Since only 4 lake trout were captured further netting was conducted during the fall spawning season. Fall test nets (Sept 23-25/85) captured 53 lake trout weighing 2.1-6.8 kg, indicating a moderate population of mature trout is present. (44 of the lake trout were released alive.) Also captured in the nets were 13 pike, 2 perch, 2 whitefish, 14 cisco and 29 common suckers.

July 5 — ECHO LAKE (21-15-W2. West of Fort Qu'Appelle): A population study was conducted with the following results: WALLEYE - 28 netted weighing 0.1-3.0 kg, indicating a moderate population; NORTHERN PIKE - 9 netted weighing 0.6-1.7 kg, indicating a moderate population; YELLOW PERCH - 14 netted of angling size weighing 0.2-0.4 kg indicating a fair population.

August 1 — EGG LAKE (70-24-W2. West of La Ronge): Egg Lake experienced a severe winterkill in 1982. 720,000 whitefish and 75,000 walleye fry were stocked in 1982 to assist in recovery of the fish populations. A fish population study was conducted. Findings were as follows: WALLEYE - 1 netted weighing 1.1 kg, indicating a sparse population. NORTHERN PIKE - 73 netted weighing 150 g-2.0 kg, indicating a good population. PERCH - 113 netted, 100% being a small size, indicating a sparse population of angling sized perch. Also captured in the nets were 1 whitefish, 3 cisco and 13 common suckers. Angling success is unknown.

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September 14 — FAIRVIEW RESERVOIR (15-25-18-W3. S.E. of Plato): Fairview Reservoir has an established population of pike and perch. Test netting was conducted to update 1979 records. Test netting results were as follows: PIKE - 6 netted weighing 55 g-5.0 kg, indicating a fair population. PERCH - 1 netted weighing 350 g, indicating a sparse population.

July 25 — FIFE LAKE (3-29-30-W2. 10 km N.E. of Rockglen): Fife Lake is stocked every second year with 500,000 walleye. An excellent population of walleye was found in 1981, the most recent study. Test netting was conducted for mercury analysis and to update records. Netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 64 netted weighing 0.1-1.6 kg indicating a good population. No pike were netted indicating a sparse population. Other fish taken were two common white suckers.

August 29 — FOX CREEK (21,22-60-19-W2. N.E. of Piprell Lake): Fox Creek was stocked with 1000 brook trout in 1980; 1000 in 1982. A fish population study was conducted with special attention to natural reproduction. Nets captured 1 brook trout weighing 120 g, indicating a poor population is present. Natural reproduction has not been successful in establishing a suitable angling population. Also captured in the nets were 18 common suckers. Light angling activity reported.

June 5 — FRENCHMAN RIVER (26-6-22-W3. Between Eastend Reservoir and Eastend): Test netting was conducted to update 1981 records. Recent stockings were 50,000 walleye fry stocked in Eastend Reservoir in 1982. These fry are then released into the Frenchman River throughout the summer. Test netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 4 netted weighing 0.5-1.3 kg, indicating a fair population; NORTHERN PIKE - 10 netted weighing 0.2-5.8 kg, indicating a good population; RAINBOW TROUT - 1 netted weighing 1.2 kg, indicating a poor population. Other fish taken were 12 redhorse suckers, 5 common suckers and 1 carp. The river receives little angling pressure.

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May 29 — FUR LAKE (1,12-50-7-W3. West of Mont Nebo): Fur Lake was test netted to check on a reported possible winterkill. Findings were as follows: WALLEYE - 23 netted weighing from 120 g-3.2 kg, indicating a moderate population; NORTHERN PIKE - 12 netted weighing from 275 g-2.7 kg. A fair population of pike is present. Also netted were 25 whitefish, 49 cisco and 11 common suckers. The results indicate a winterkill did not occur.

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June 26 — GRENFELL TOWN RESERVOIR (30-16-7-W2. 3 km West & 3 km South of Grenfell): Grenfell Reservoir is stocked every second year with 50,000 walleye. A population study was done to update 1981 records with the following results: WALLEYE - 34 fish were netted weighing 0.1-1.5 kg, indicating a good population; PIKE - none netted, indicating a sparse population; PERCH - 43 fish of angling size were netted weighing 0.1-0.3 kg, indicating a good population.

June 21 — GRID LAKE (6,7-42-24-W2. S. of Reynaud): Grid Lake is subject to periodic winterkill. 1000 perch were stocked in 1983. Test netted for stocking success and to determine if natural reproduction has occurred. No fish were captured indicating a winterkill occurred.

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July 12 — HELENE LAKE (52-16-W3. North of Glaslyn): A complete winterkill of walleye occurred in 1981-82. 300,000 walleye were subsequently stocked in 1982, 250,000 in 1983, and 200,000 in 1984. A population study was conducted to update 1983 records and determine future management. Test nets captured: WALLEYE - 443 weighing from 0.1-0.8 kg, indicating an excellent population. 7 white suckers were also netted. Very little angling activity so far this summer.

June 6 — HERITAGE LAKE (13,14,23-57-22-W2. North of Candle Lake): A fish population study was conducted on Heritage Lake to update 1980 records. Findings were as follows: WALLEYE - 45 netted weighing 100-1650 g, indicating a moderate population. NORTHERN PIKE - 36 netted weighing 450-1675 g, indicating a good population. Also captured in the nets were 81 common suckers and 2 burbot. Angling success was unknown.

August 7 — HIGHWAY CREEK (8-67-23-W2. South of La Ronge): Highway Creek was stocked with 1000 brook trout in 1980; 2000 in 1983. A population study was conducted to update 1982 records. Test nets captured 14 brook trout weighing 140-575 g, indicating a good population. Also captured in the test nets were 3 northern pike weighing 180-550 g. Angling activity is unknown.

September 6 — INGEBRIGT RESERVOIR (4-17-25-W3. S.E. of Fox Valley): A population study was conducted on Ingebrigt Reservoir to update 1983 records and obtain special walleye aging samples. Recent stockings were 100,000 walleye in 1984 and 100,000 walleye in 1982. Test netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 48 netted weighing 85 g-1.0 kg, indicating a good population.

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July 23 — ITALY LAKE (km 116, Hwy. #102. North of La Ronge): Italy Lake is managed by stocking rainbow and brook trout fingerlings. The most recent plants were 8000 rainbows in 1983 and 3000 brook trout in 1984. A population study was conducted to update 1982 records. Nets captured 6 brook trout weighing 150-600 g, indicating a moderate population. No rainbows were captured indicating a sparse population. Also taken in the nets were 4 common suckers. Angling success is unknown.

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June 19 — JEANNETTE LAKE (4-64-17-W3. Meadow Lake Provincial Park): A fish population study was conducted to update 1980 records. Test netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 38 netted weighing 0.2-1.9 kg, indicating a moderate population. NORTHERN PIKE - 4 netted weighing 0.2-3.9 kg, indicating a poor population. PERCH - 13 netted weighing 40-60 g, indicating a sparse population of angling-sized perch. 37 white suckers were also captured. Fair angling success reported so far this summer.

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July 26 — KATEPWA LAKE (20-12-W2. 5 km S.E. of Fort Qu'Appelle): A population study was conducted with the following results: WALLEYE - 30 netted weighing 0.1-2.8 kg, indicating a moderate population; NORTHERN PIKE - 1 netted weighing 3.1 kg, indicating a sparse population; YELLOW PERCH - 7 fish of angling size were netted weighing 0.1-0.5 kg, indicating a poor population. Other fish netted were 8 common white suckers, 2 burbot, 1 quillback sucker and 57 cisco.

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May 23 — KESKUCHOW LAKE (24,25-62-16-W3. Meadow Lake Sawmill Road): Keskuchow Lake is managed by stocking 35,000 splake fingerlings every second year; the last plant was in 1983. Test netting was conducted to check on stocking success. Test nets caught: one splake weighing 2.0 kg, indicating a sparse population and 10 northern pike weighing 1.5-3.0 kg indicating a moderate population. Little angling activity apparent so far this summer.

July 18 — KIPABISKAU LAKE (41-15,16-W2. S.E. of Melfort): Kipabiskau Lake is stocked with 300,000 walleye fry every third year. A fish population study was conducted to update our 1980 records. Findings were as follows: WALLEYE - 54 netted weighing 0.7-3.3 kg indicating a moderate to good population; NORTHERN PIKE - 8 netted weighing 0.6-2.2 kg indicating a fair population; PERCH - 210 netted with 50% of angling size with a maximum weight of 370 g, indicating a good population. 64 common suckers were also taken in the test nets. Heavy angling activity with fair to good success reported.

August 23 — KIPLING RESERVOIR (2,3,10,11-13-6-W2. 6.4 km West, 3.2 km South of Kipling): Kipling Reservoir was test netted for the presence of predator fish. Two standard gangs were set for a total of 120 m of net. No fish were captured. The surface temperature was 15°C with a pH reading of 8.4. The maximum depth of the reservoir is 29 feet. The lake is recommended for stocking rainbow trout in 1986.

September 26 — KIT LAKE (12-61-21-W2. N.W. of Piprell Lake): A Fish Enhancement Project was carried out on Kit Lake in the fall of 1984. The lake was rehabilitated to eliminate the nuisance perch population and was then restocked with 4000 rainbow trout in the spring of 1985. A fish population study was conducted to determine stocking success. Standard test nets caught 37 rainbow trout weighing 120-525 g, indicating good stocking success. No angling activity has been reported so far this year.

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August 14 — KONUTO LAKE (65-1-W2. Near Denare Beach): Konuto Lake is stocked with 6000 brook trout, 30,000 rainbows on an alternate year basis. Test netting was conducted to assess the trout populations and to check for pike since this predator fish species has been taken by anglers. Nets captured 1 brook weighing 1.9 kg, indicating a sparse population. No rainbows or northern pike were taken in the nets indicating sparse populations. Moderate angling activity reported.

August 14 — LITTLE BEAR LAKE (61-17-W2. Hanson Lake Road-North of Smeaton): A population study of lake trout was conducted on Little Bear Lake to update 1981 records. Test nets caught 18 lake trout weighing 150 g-3.3 kg, indicating a moderate population. Good size distribution indicating regular natural reproduction. Also netted were 38 whitefish, 67 cisco, 2 burbot and 5 common suckers. Angling success for lake trout was reported to be fair.

June 25 — LITTLE FISHING LAKE (56-24-W3. Bronson Forest): A population study was conducted on Little Fishing Lake to update 1981 records. Test netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 39 netted weighing 0.1-2.5 kg, indicating a moderate population. NORTHERN PIKE - 14 weighing 0.2-0.9 kg, indicating a fair population. PERCH - 4 netted weighing 40-60 g, indicating a sparse population. WHITEFISH - 22 netted weighing 50 g-1.8 kg, indicating a moderate population. 8 white suckers were also captured. Good angling success reported earlier this summer.

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May 10 — LOCH LEVEN (20-8-26-W3. Cypress Hills Provincial Park): Test netting was conducted on Loch Leven to determine the effectiveness of lake rehabilitation done in October, 1984. Results were: 11 suckers netted, indicating a complete fish kill was not achieved. Further rehabilitation will be required to eliminate suckers that compete with trout for food. 1600 catchable-size trout were stocked in June, 1985 through the Fish Enhancement Fund.

September 6 — LOVERING LAKE (1-22-27-W2. 6.4 km West of Chamberlain): Lovering Lake was stocked with walleye fry as follows: 100,000 in 1979, 125,000 in 1980, 100,000 in 1981. Prior investigations had indicated that pike and walleye populations were being maintained by natural reproduction. Test netting was conducted to update files and investigate success of natural reproduction. Test netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 47 netted weighing 0.4-2.4 kg, indicating a good population. No pike were netted. Other fish caught were 3 burbot. Angling success has been poor so far this year.

June 5 — LOWER FISHING LAKE (27,34-58-12-W2. Nipawin Provincial Park): A fish population study was conducted on Lower Fishing Lake to update 1980 records. Findings were as follows: WALLEYE - 60 netted weighing 225 g-4.2 kg, with the majority 1.0-2.0 kg in size, indicating a good population. NORTHERN PIKE - 39 netted weighing 250 g-7.0 kg, indicating a good population. PERCH - no angling sized perch were netted; 19 netted weighing 30-60 g. Also captured in the nets were 23 whitefish, 4 cisco and 47 common suckers. Moderate angling activity with poor to fair success reported.

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June 18 — LUCKY LAKE (12-67-16-W3. S.W. of Keeley Lake): Lucky Lake is subject to periodic winterkill. A severe winterkill occurred during the 1981-82 winter. 50,000 walleye fry were stocked in 1984. Test netting was conducted to update 1983 records and determine stocking success. Test netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 116 netted weighing 50-90 g and 1 weighing 1.0 kg, indicating an excellent population of small walleye. 2 white suckers were also captured. No known angling activity so far this summer.

July 24 — LUSSIER LAKE (km 77, Hwy. #102. North of La Ronge): Lussier Lake is stocked annually with 3000 brook trout fingerlings. A population study was conducted to update 1980 records. Nets captured 40 brook trout weighing 125-965 g, indicating an excellent population. Angling success is unknown.

August 15 — MAXAMILLION RESERVOIR (12-4-16-W2. S.W. of Weyburn): Rainbow trout have been stocked in 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985 (1000 each year). Test netting results were as follows: RAINBOW - 4 netted weighing 0.4-0.9 kg, indicating a fair population. Anglers (4) observed at the time of netting had no success after fishing for approximately four hours.

July 16 — MELFORT TOWN RESERVOIR (8,9-45-18-W2. East of Melfort): A fish population study was conducted on Melfort Town Reservoir to update 1980 records. Findings were as follows: NORTHERN PIKE - 12 netted weighing 300-700 g, indicating a moderate population of small sized pike is present. Also captured in the test nets were 27 common suckers. Moderate angling activity with fair to moderate success reported.

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July 16 — MELFORT P.F.R.A. RESERVOIR (21,29-44-18-W2. S.E. of Melfort): This reservoir is subject to borderline winter oxygen conditions. A winterkill was reported after break-up this year. Test nets were set to check on the existing fish population. Nets captured 1 pike weighing 1.2 kg, indicating a poor population is present. A severe winterkill occurred during the 1984-85 winter.

July 26 — MEYERS LAKE (29-40-22-W2. East of Middle Lake): A complete winterkill (walleye, northern pike, perch) occurred during the 1982-83 winter. 2500 perch were stocked on July 26, 1985.

June 26 — MINERS CREEK (47,48-1-W3. West of Prince Albert): Miners Creek was stocked with 2000 brook trout fingerlings in 1984. Test netting was conducted to determine stocking success. Nets captured 21 brook trout weighing 30-140 g, indicating good stocking success. Also netted were 25 common suckers and 2 longnose suckers.

June 27 — MINISTIKWAN LAKE (58-25-W3. Bronson Forest): A population study was conducted on Ministikwan Lake to update 1979 records. Test netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 61 netted weighing from 0.1-2.1 kg, indicating a moderate population. NORTHERN PIKE - 42 netted weighing 0.4-5.5 kg, indicating a moderate population. PERCH - 85 netted, 49 weighing from 0.2-0.5 kg, indicating a fair population of angling-sized perch. WHITEFISH - 26 netted weighing 70 g-1.6 kg, indicating a moderate population. Other fish captured were 26 white suckers, 22 cisco and 1 burbot. Fair angling success so far this summer with some good catches reported.

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July 22 — MISSION LAKE (31-32-1-W2. East of Fort Qu'Appelle): A population study was conducted on Mission Lake with the following results: WALLEYE - 25 netted weighing 0.1-1.9 kg, indicating a moderate population; PIKE - 2 pike were netted weighing 0.4-5.1 kg, indicating a poor population; YELLOW PERCH - 12 fish of angling size were netted weighing 0.2-0.4 kg, indicating a fair population. The pike results are not representative as nets were set in areas away from good pike habitat to avoid carp. Other fish captured were 21 common white suckers, 1 carp, 4 whitefish and 8 cisco.

September 6 — MOOSE JAW RIVER (Five Mile Dam. City of Moose Jaw): A winter oxygen test in 1985 indicated a marginal winter habitat for fish. Test netting was conducted to determine its potential for development of a sport fishery. Test net results were as follows: WALLEYE - 9 netted weighing 0.5-1.0 kg. These fish most likely originated from Avonlea Reservoir. A total of 200 common white suckers were also netted.

June 7 — MOOSOMIN RESERVOIR (13-13-W1. South of Moosomin): A population study was conducted to check on a reported winterkill. Test netting results were as follows: COMMON WHITE SUCKERS - 25. This confirms a winterkill of yellow perch in Moosomin Reservoir. Perch will be stocked within the next two weeks to re-establish this species.

August 14 — MOSHER LAKE (66-1-W2. Near Denare Beach): 94 adult lake trout were stocked in 1975; 15,000 lake trout fingerlings in 1979. Previous netting in 1980 and 1984 indicated poor stocking success. Test netted for a further check on stocking success and natural reproduction. Nets captured 5 whitefish and 34 cisco. No lake trout were captured indicating stocking was unsuccessful.

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August 15 — NARROW LAKE (62,63-16-W2. N.E. of Little Bear Lake): Narrow Lake is stocked every second year with 150,000 walleye fry. A fish population study was conducted to update 1981 records. Findings were as follows: WALLEYE - 11 netted weighing 0.5-2.2 kg indicating a fair population. NORTHERN PIKE - 11 netted weighing 240 g-1.2 kg, indicating a fair population of pike. Also netted were 22 common suckers. Moderate angling activity with fair success reported.

September 11 — NESLAND LAKE (36-49-7-W3. West of Mont Nebo): A Fish Enhancement Project was carried out on Nesland Lake in the fall of 1984. The project, an aeration system, was installed to prevent winterkill. This lake was stocked with 10,000 rainbow trout in 1983 under an Aquaculture Licence, and with 5000 and 4000 rainbows in 1984 and 1985 respectively by Saskatchewan Parks and Renewable Resources. A fish population study was conducted to determine stocking success. Standard test nets caught 29 rainbow trout weighing 140 g-1.8 kg, indicating a good trout population. Fair angling success was reported during June and July.

September 5 — NESSLIN LAKE (57-6-W3. N.E. of Big River): Nesslin Lake was stocked with 100 adult lake trout in 1982. A fish population study was conducted with special attention to lake trout natural reproduction. Test netting results were as follows: LAKE TROUT - 4 netted weighing 3.9-6.0 kg. No indication of lake trout natural reproduction. WALLEYE - 65 netted weighing 140 g-2.8 kg, indicating a good population. NORTHERN PIKE - 16 netted weighing 0.6-5.3 kg, indicating a moderate population. PERCH - no angling sized perch were captured. 7 netted weighing 40-50 g. Also taken in the test nets were 28 whitefish, 14 common suckers and 3 burbot. Moderate angling activity with fair to good success for pike reported.

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August 23 — NICE LAKE (Local Name) 24-64-18-W3. Meadow Lake Provincial Park): A winter oxygen examination conducted in 1985 indicated good conditions for game fish survival. Follow-up test netting was conducted to determine present fish population status. Test nets captured: NORTHERN PIKE - one weighing 1.0 kg, indicating a sparse population. Little, if any, angling activity evident this year.

August 23 — NIPEKAMEW LAKE (62,63-20-W2. North of Candle Lake): A general fish population study was conducted on Nipekamew Lake. Test netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 50 netted weighing 10 g-1.9 kg, indicating a moderate to good population. NORTHERN PIKE - 42 netted weighing 70 g-6.6 kg, indicating a good population. PERCH - 13 netted with only 4 of angling size (120-250 g), indicating a poor population. Also captured in the nets were 3 whitefish, 43 cisco, 124 common suckers and 1 longnose sucker. Angling success for pike and walleye was reported to be good in the spring; fair success reported during the summer.

August 13 — NISTUM LAKE (16,17-63-1-W2. South of Creighton): Nistum Lake is stocked with 40,000 rainbow trout every second year. A population study was conducted to update 1982 records. Nets captured 8 rainbow weighing 0.7-1.4 kg, indicating a moderate population. Good angling success was reported.

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September 17 — OSCAR CREEK (44,45-9-W3. North of Krydor): Oscar Creek is stocked with 1000 brook trout fingerlings every second year. A population study was conducted to update 1982 records. Nets captured 21 brook trout weighing 70-675 g, indicating a good population is present. Angling success is unknown.

June 19 — OSIMISK LAKE (6,7-58-6-W3. N.E. of Big River): A fish population study was conducted on Osimisk Lake to update 1975 records. Findings were as follows: WALLEYE - 21 netted weighing from 175 g-1.5 kg, indicating a fair population. NORTHERN PIKE - 63 netted weighing from 50-800 g, indicating a good population. PERCH - 15 netted with 13 weighing 200-500 g, indicating a fair population of angling sized perch is present. Also captured in the nets were 28 common suckers. Anglers have reported fair to good success during the winter.

August 1 — OTOSQUEN RIVER (50-1,2-W2. North of Hudson Bay): A population study of brook trout was conducted on the Otosquen River to update 1979 records. No trout were captured in the test nets. Nets captured 3 common suckers. The existing trout habitat is poor.

July 14 — OYAMA RESERVOIR (36-15-17-W2. 5 km East of Kronau): Reservoir has been managed for walleye in the past. Pike were also present due to an unauthorized introduction in the past. A population study was carried out to update records. Two standard gangs (120 m) were set on July 13 and pulled the following day. No fish were captured. Contacts with local landowners verified a winterkill during the winter of 1985.

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August 2 — PAKIKWAN RIVER (49,50-8,9-W2. East of Carrot River): Pakikwan River was checked to determine its potential for trout stocking. Test nets caught 3 northern pike weighing 575-1125 g, and 1 common sucker. This river is not suitable for trout stocking due to the presence of predator fish.

July 3 — PASQUA LAKE (21-15,16-W2. 6 km West of Fort Qu'Appelle): A population study was conducted with the following results: WALLEYE - 77 netted weighing 0.1-2.2 kg, indicating a good population; NORTHERN PIKE - 14 pike netted weighing 0.2-1.8 kg, indicating a moderate population; YELLOW PERCH - 1 netted weighing 0.4 kg, indicating a poor population. Other fish netted were 9 common white suckers, 24 carp, 1 burbot, and 3 cisco.

August 21 — PIERCE LAKE (63,64-25-W3. Meadow Lake Provincial Park): A fish population study was conducted to update 1977 records. Test nets captured the following: WALLEYE - 6 netted weighing 0.6-2.1 kg, indicating a poor population. NORTHERN PIKE - 16 netted weighing 0.2-6.3 kg, indicating a fair population. LAKE TROUT - 3 netted weighing 0.4-1.5 kg indicating a poor population. PERCH - 1 netted weighing 0.2 kg, indicating a sparse population. WHITEFISH - 49 netted weighing 0.1-1.4 kg, indicating a good population. Other fish captured were 90 common suckers, 2 longnose suckers, 65 cisco and 1 burbot. Moderate angling activity so far this year with good pike and lake trout catches reported earlier in the season.

August 28 — PIPRELL LAKE (59-20-W2. North of Candle Lake): Piprell Lake is stocked annually with 32,000 rainbow trout. A fish population study was conducted to update our 1982 records. Nets captured 23 rainbow weighing 60 g-1.7 kg, indicating a fair population. Two brook trout (0.9 kg size) were captured which would have been mixed-in with a plant of rainbow. Also captured in the nets were 280 common suckers. Angling success was reported to be fair to good.

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June 21 — POTTS LAKE (4-41-25-W2. East of Cudworth): Potts Lake is subject to periodic winterkill. 1200 perch were stocked in 1983. Test netted for stocking success and to determine if natural reproduction has occurred. No fish were captured indicating a winterkill occurred.

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July 23 — RAINBOW LAKE (km 98.8, Hwy. #102. North of La Ronge): Rainbow Lake is stocked annually with 2000 brook trout fingerlings. A population study was conducted to update 1982 records. Nets captured 8 brook trout weighing 150-750 g, indicating a moderate population. Also captured in the nets were 1 northern pike, 1 burbot and 24 common suckers. The presence of predator fish (i.e. pike, burbot) indicates that trout stocking should be discontinued pending possible lake rehabilitation.

May 31 — RAMSEY LAKE (9-63-26-W2. Near Weyakwin Lake): Ramsey Lake was stocked with 1000 rainbow and 500 brook trout in 1984. Test netting was conducted to determine stocking success. No trout were captured indicating the plant was unsuccessful.

June 26 — ROUND LAKE (15,18-57-24-W3. Bronson Forest): Round Lake is subject to periodic winterkill with the most recent occurring during the 1979-80 winter. 45,000 rainbow and 10,000 brook trout were stocked in 1984. Test netting was conducted to determine if trout survived the winter. Test nets captured: RAINBOW TROUT - 20 netted weighing 0.8-1.5 kg, indicating a moderate population; BROOK TROUT - 46 netted weighing 0.2-0.6 kg, indicating a moderate population. Little angling activity so far this summer.

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May 28 — ROUND LAKE (24-50-1-W3. N.W. of Prince Albert): Round Lake was test netted to determine extent of the reported winterkill. Nets captured 6 northern pike weighing from 0.4-1.2 kg, and 20 perch weighing from 30-110 g, indicating a complete winterkill did not occur.

July 31 — RUBY LAKE (46-3-W2. North of Hudson Bay): Ruby Lake is subject to frequent winterkill. Perch stocking was requested by the Cottage Owners Association. 1500 perch were stocked on July 31, 1985.

July 24 — RUSH LAKE (34,35-38-26-W3. North of Denzel): A winter oxygen test in March 1985 indicated possible fisheries potential. A summer fisheries examination was conducted. No fish were captured in test nets. Another winter oxygen test is recommended prior to any decision on fish stocking due to marginal depth

July 17 — RUSSELL CREEK (35,36-11-13-W3. Near Neville): A population study was conducted on Russell Creek to update 1982 records. Recent stockings were 2300 brook trout in 1981 and 2000 in 1978. Test netting results were as follows: BROOK TROUT - 73 netted weighing 32-525 g, indicating an excellent population. Other fish caught were 143 suckers and 4 minnows.

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August 29 — SAND LAKE (13-60-20-W2. North of Piprell Lake): Sand Lake is stocked annually with 1000 rainbow and 500 brook trout. A fish population study was conducted to update our 1982 records. Test netting results were as follows: RAINBOW TROUT - 1 netted weighing 160 g, indicating a poor population. BROOK TROUT - 45 netted weighing 70 g-2.2 kg, indicating a good population. Angling activity was reported to be light to moderate with fair success.

July 23 — SCOTT RESERVOIR (15-39-20-W3. S.W. of Wilkie): A complete winterkill (northern pike, perch) occurred in Scott Reservoir during the 1982-83 winter. 3000 perch were stocked in 1984. Test nets were set to check on stocking success. No perch were captured indicating a winterkill occurred in the 1984-85 winter.

August 8 — SEDGE LAKE (22-63-1-W3. West of Weyakwin Lake, Rock Lake Road): Sedge Lake was stocked with 2000 brook trout in 1984. Test nets were set to determine stocking success. Nets captured 93 brook trout weighing 160-600 g, indicating an excellent population. Angling success is unknown.

July 23 — SHUARD CREEK (35-9-23-W3 & 3-10-23-W3. South of Piapot): Test netting was conducted to determine suitability for stocking trout. Results were 81 suckers netted, indicating there is no problem from predators. A winter oxygen test is still required to determine suitability for stocking trout.

July 30 — SHUTTE LAKE (15-37-7-W2. N.W. of Preeceville): Shutte Lake is stocked with 100,000 walleye fry every second year. A fish population study was conducted to update 1979 records. Findings were as follows: WALLEYE - 1 netted weighing 825 g, indicating a poor population. NORTHERN PIKE - 2 netted weighing 500 & 550 g, indicating a poor population. 44 common suckers were also taken in the test nets. Angling activity was reported to be light.

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August 29 — SINGH LAKE (32-61-20-W2. Near East Trout Lake): Singh Lake is stocked annually with 6000 rainbow trout. 19,500 kokanee were stocked in 1984. Test netting was conducted on June 3,4, 1985, to assess the rainbow trout population and kokanee salmon stocking success. Only two rainbow were captured so further netting was scheduled for late summer. August test nets caught 6 rainbow trout weighing 120 g-1.4 kg, indicating a fair population. One kokanee weighing 40 g was also netted. Kokanee were too small for effective capture in the test nets so no assessment of stocking success could be made.

July — SKULL CREEK (9,16,17-10-22-W3. East of Piapot): Test netting was scheduled to determine the suitability of Skull Creek for trout. No trout habitat was found, due to very low water levels and lack of beaver ponds. Once water levels return to normal, this creek can be investigated again for stocking.

August 15 — SOURIS RIVER (3-12-W2. Dr. Mainprize Regional Park): A population study was conducted to update 1980 records with the following results: WALLEYE - 23 netted weighing 0.3-2.7 kg, indicating a moderate population. PIKE - 6 were netted weighing 2.3-5.6 kg, indicating a fair population. PERCH - 20 perch of angling size were netted weighing 0.1-0.2 kg, indicating a moderate population. Other fish netted were 282 brown bullheads and 11 common white suckers. Anglers reported good to fair angling success.

August 14 — S.P.C. "G & H" PITS (Near Estevan Sask. Power Station): S.P.C. Pit "G" was stocked with 1000 splake in 1983 and 1985, and 1000 rainbow trout in 1984. Pit "H" was stocked with 500 splake in 1983 and 1985, and 500 rainbow in 1984. Test netting results were as follows: Pit "G" -- SPLAKE - 8 netted weighing 40 g-0.5 kg, indicating a moderate population. RAINBOW - no fish were netted indicating a sparse population. Pit "H" -- SPLAKE - 2 netted weighing 0.3-0.4 kg, indicating a poor population. RAINBOW - 1 netted weighing 0.3 kg, indicating a poor population. Pits had not been fished extensively due to difficulty of access.

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May 8 — SQUAW RAPIDS BORROW PIT (S.W. 11-54-10-W2. Near Squaw Rapids Dam): Squaw Rapids Borrow Pit was checked to determine its potential for trout stocking. Test nets (set for 3 hours) caught 1 pike and 1 perch. This pit has no potential for trout stocking at the present time because of the predatory fish populations.

August 28 — SUCKER CREEK (7-26-W3. South of Cypress Hills Provincial Park): A population study was conducted on Sucker Creek to update 1979 records. Brook and brown trout populations are maintained by natural reproduction. Test netting results were as follows: BROOK TROUT - 3 netted weighing 20-130 g, indicating a good population where pools still exist. BROWN TROUT - none captured. Other fish taken were 7 suckers. Most pools present in previous studies are now incapable of supporting trout due to low water levels. Only one pool was deep enough to maintain trout in 1985, indicating a very drastic reduction in the overall trout population.

July 16 — SWIFT CURRENT RESERVOIR (18-15-13-W3. 1.6 km South of Swift Current): Test netting was conducted on Swift Current Reservoir to determine existing fish populations and possibilities for future management. Test netting results were as follows: PIKE - 3 netted weighing 50-83 g, indicating a fair population. Other fish taken were 5 suckers.

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September 6 — TED'S LAKE (36-60-7-W2. N.E. of Big River): Ted's Lake is stocked annually with 7000 rainbow trout. A fish population study was conducted to update our 1983 records. Nets captured 61 rainbow weighing 120 g-2.2 kg, indicating a moderate population. Angling success has been mostly poor this summer; a few reports of good success.

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September 5 — THOMSON LAKE (Reservoir) 9-10-5-W3. 10 km South of Gravelbourg): Thomson Lake was stocked with 400,000 walleye in 1981, 200,000 in 1983 and 500,000 in 1985. A fish population study was conducted to determine stocking success with the following results: WALLEYE - 1 netted weighing 0.2 kg, indicating a sparse population. PIKE - 2 netted weighing 1.3-1.5 kg, indicating a sparse population. PERCH - 2 netted weighing 130-450 g, indicating a poor population. There was some angling success with pike so far this year.

June 13 — TIE LAKE (15,21-56-6-W3. S.E. of Big River): A fish population study was conducted on Tie Lake to update 1980 records. Findings were as follows: WALLEYE - 27 netted weighing 75 g-1.5 kg, indicating a fair to moderate population; NORTHERN PIKE - 29 netted weighing 0.5-1.6 kg, indicating a moderate population; PERCH - no angling sized perch were captured, 50 netted weighing 20-100 g. Also captured in the nets were 12 common suckers. Angling success for walleye was reported to be good in early spring.

June 19 — TOP LAKE (20,29-30-57-6-W3. N.E. of Big River): A fish population study was conducted on Top Lake to update 1979 records. Findings were as follows: WALLEYE - 26 netted weighing 130 g-2.1 kg, indicating a moderate population. NORTHERN PIKE - 27 netted weighing 160 g-2.2 kg, indicating a good population. PERCH - 4 netted weighing 100-430 g indicating a poor population of angling sized perch is present. Moderate angling activity with fair to good success for pike.

July 11 — TURTLE LAKE (54-18-W3. N.W. of Glaslyn): A fish population study was conducted on Turtle Lake to update 1979 records. Test netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 2 netted weighing 0.1-0.3 kg, indicating a sparse population. NORTHERN PIKE - 38 netted weighing 0.5-4.1 kg, indicating a fair population. PERCH - 13 netted weighing 20-50 g, indicating a sparse population of angling sized perch. WHITEFISH - 41 netted weighing 0.5-1.9 kg, indicating a fair population. Other fish taken were 118 common suckers, 266 cisco and 2 burbot. Angling activity moderately heavy so far this summer.

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July 23 — TWIN LAKE (34-44-18-W3. N.W. of North Battleford): Twin Lake has been stocked with trout since 1980. A partial winterkill occurred during the 1981-82 winter and complete kill in the 1982-83 winter. 20,000 rainbow and 10,000 brown trout were stocked in 1984; 10,000 rainbow in 1985. Test nets were set to check for a possible winterkill. 87 rainbow weighing from 120-320 g were netted indicating good stocking success. All the trout captured are estimated to be from the 1985 plant indicating a winterkill occurred during the 1984-85 winter.

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August 16 — UPPER FISHING LAKE (31,32-58-18-W2. Nipawin Provincial Park): Upper Fishing Lake is stocked every second year with 150,000 walleye fry. A fish population study was conducted to update 1981 records. Findings were as follows: WALLEYE - 7 netted weighing 120 g-1.8 kg, indicating a fair population. NORTHERN PIKE - 4 netted weighing 120 g-1.2 kg, indicating a poor to fair population. Also netted were 35 whitefish, 18 cisco and 14 common suckers. Moderate angling activity with fair success reported.

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June 12 — VON MEHREN LAKE (14,22-52-2-W3. North of Holbein): Von Mehren Lake was test netted to check on a reported possible winterkill of walleye and northern pike. No fish were captured in the nets indicating a complete winterkill occurred.

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August 1 — WASKWEI RIVER (51-1-W2. North of Hudson Bay): A population study of brook trout was conducted on the Waskwei River to update 1970 records. Nets captured 6 brook trout weighing 180-370 g, indicating a moderate population. Light angling activity was reported.

June 6 — WILSON LAKE (12-27-7-W2. S.W. of Springside): Wilson Lake has been managed for both rainbow trout and walleye. Both species winterkilled in 1963 and 1965 respectively. A winter examination was carried out during the winter of 1985. Results were 4.3 ppm at 1 m and 2.0 ppm at 5 m. Rainbow stocking has been recommended. Test netting was carried out with no fish being captured indicating the lake has winterkilled previously. There were approximately 350-450 kg of larval salamanders captured. The depth ranged from 1 to 7 m. It is recommended that the stocking of 6000 rainbow trout proceed.

June 26 — WOLSELEY RESERVOIR (36-16-10-W2. South of Wolseley): A population study was conducted on Wolseley Reservoir to update 1982 records. The reservoir was originally stocked with walleye and later followed by yellow perch. Northern pike were stocked to control the stunted perch population in 1974. Test netting results were as follows: WALLEYE - 10 netted weighing 0.9-1.6 kg, indicating a moderate population. NORTHERN PIKE - 12 netted weighing 1.2-3.1 kg, indicating a good population. YELLOW PERCH - 32 netted weighing 35-90 g, indicating a moderate population.

August 29 — WYNYARD RESERVOIR (15-32-16-W2. S.W. of Wynyard): Wynyard Reservoir was stocked with 1000 splake and 1000 rainbow trout in 1981, 1000 splake in 1983, 1000 rainbow trout in 1984 and 1000 rainbow trout in 1985. Test netting was conducted to update 1982 records with the following results: RAINBOW - 2 netted weighing 90-100 g, indicating a fair population. The above results indicate that a winterkill most likely occurred in 1985. No splake were netted.